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of Great Length, but Full of Interest and  
Excitement—One Has Not Seen London  
Until He Has Seen Cheapside.

Cheapside is a street, and a busy one  
—the busiest, I dare say, of the whole  
world of streets. It is not long; it is not  
beautiful; it is not the resort of the  
fashionable; it is a business thorough-  
fare from first to last, and it has more  
history crammed into its short stretch  
than other great thoroughfares have in  
their combined long ones. Cheapside be-  
ing not at the side of anything in the  
present era, but at the heart of all things,  
being in the heart of London, has a very  
important place in civic affairs. It is  
what they call "an artery of traffic,"  
asphalted into the bargain and afford-  
ing ingress and exit as between the city  
and the regions west. If it has a quarter  
of a mile to its length, it has as much  
as it can legitimately claim, and even  
that includes a little slice at the eastern  
end called the "Poultry," a title which  
signifies a local purpose in the pictur-  
esque past.

Cheapside has at one end the Poultry,  
but this need not be counted as a sepa-  
rate entity. And at the Poultry end is  
the Mansion House, where lives the lord  
mayor in gold lace state. Cheapside  
bumps into Threadneedle street, up to  
the steps of the Royal Exchange and  
against the walls of the Bank of Eng-  
land, institutions which are both useful  
and ornamental. At the other end of  
Cheapside there is a statue of Sir Robert  
Peel. But I venture to say that half the  
people who pass there every day do not  
know whose statue it is, and of the other  
half an inconsiderable fraction will  
have some accurate notion as to who Sir  
Robert Peel really was, the balance be-  
ing able to suggest only that he had  
"something to do with the police."

Cheapside is to London what lower  
Broadway is to New York, between the  
postoffice and Wall street. Shops, shops,  
shops, insurance companies, great mer-  
cantile houses, restaurants, a church—  
Dick Whittington's—that is to say,  
Bow church, where the bells still tinkle  
—these are the stationary ingredients of  
Cheapside. Omnibuses, human beings,  
cabs and carriers' vans are the movable  
ones. Cheapside is like the channel of a  
tidal river—at one time of the day the  
current sets in one direction, and at an-  
other time it ebbs to the opposite course.

The street has many funny little tri-  
butaries, with funny little names, Broad  
street, Friday street, Ironmonger lane  
and Old Jewry being some of these—  
narrow passages where in days more  
primitive than our own opposite neigh-  
bors leaned out of windows and shook  
hands across the street, while from the  
pavement they could scarcely have seen  
the sky, so closely did the overhanging  
stories approach to the roofs thereof.  
But there are no dwellings in Cheapside  
now, nor in the adjacent tributaries.  
The buildings are all for business  
purposes only. The old vogue of overhang  
has been long dispensed with, and a  
sprightly modern air is worn by the  
commercial architecture.

One kind of commodity Cheapside has  
in more abundance than any other place  
on the whirling footstool—jewelry. It  
may not be the most sumptuous jewelry  
that ever was made, it may not compare  
with the golden filigree work of Zama-  
ra, but it is jewelry nevertheless and  
of a good sort for the moderate classes.  
And there is so much of it that it over-  
flows the contracted emporiums and  
flows in cascades and Niagaras of watch  
chains, necklaces, fantastic guards, be-  
hind the plate glass windows.

It seems to be a trick of Cheapside's  
shops to display all their treasures to  
the preoccupied eyes of those who here  
march in legions along the pavement.  
They pour their wares into their win-  
dows with a reckless profusion sugges-  
tive of the orient—that is to say, the  
orient you read about, not the orient  
which actually exists. The jewelry of  
Cheapside is mainly silver jewelry, and  
the radiance of the windows is the white  
radiance which furnishes with such hap-  
less result in the London fog.

Cheapside is best seen between 9  
and 10 in the morning or between 5 and  
7 in the afternoon, either when every-  
body is coming to or going from his oc-  
cupation. But all day long the street is  
crowded from end to end, so crowded  
that you cannot anywhere cross it in  
safety, except at the points where con-  
stables are stationed to regulate the traf-  
fic.

One of the odd features of Cheapside  
is the line of pedestrians who stand in  
either gutter, stringing along the curbs  
and vending catchpenny toys. These  
merchants are an amusing lot in their  
way. Their harangues are endless and  
not wholly lacking in wit, although  
their language is not altogether parlia-  
mentary. They sell the most wonderful  
assortment of ingenious toys that you  
can imagine, and every week or two  
they produce some new thing. Variety  
is the spice of their trade. The wonder-  
ful toys that can be bought of them for  
a penny allure all kinds of people who  
go cityward. I know men on the Stock  
Exchange who make it a point to buy  
every new penny toy that appears on  
Cheapside. Their collections have al-  
ready the appearance of a lesser South  
Kensington museum or a glorified Low-  
ther arcade. The penny toy vendors may  
not pause in their vending. The watch-  
ful "bobby" keeps them on the move,  
a necessary precaution in this thick  
stream of traffic. One should see these  
penny toy men. Until he sees them he  
has not seen Cheapside, and until he has  
seen Cheapside he has not seen London.  
Besides the penny toys are the only  
cheap things in Cheapside.—London  
Cor. Boston Herald.

#### How to Recognize It.

Nedders—What's a bonnet?  
Slowitz—Something you always think  
of after it's too late to say it.—Chicago  
Record.

## FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

### New York Stock Market.

New York, May 9.—There were  
further indications of liquidation in the  
industrials at the start this morning.  
American Sugar was particularly  
weak, the stock in the first transactions  
falling off about a point. This led to  
selling in other parts of the industrial  
group and finally it became quite  
general. General Electric received  
some attention from the room traders  
and on a revival of an old story about  
the Inroad the Westinghouse outfit was  
making in the business territory of the  
former, the price fell 1 1/4 to 35 1/4.

The recent Boston selling was at-  
tributed to the Ames estate and this  
probably had more influence with the  
timid houses than the story first re-  
ferred to. Whiskey was also heavy,  
one firm selling ten thousand shares,  
the transactions being credited to a  
bear clique. The stock declined 1 1/4.  
Lead 1 1/4 and Sugar 1 1/4. In the early  
trading Louisville and Nashville  
dropped 1/4 on foreign selling, but  
other railways were steady. Subse-  
quently Lake Shore moved up 1/4 and  
Louisville and Nashville rallied 1/4. In  
the last hour of business the Grangers  
and other railway stocks developed  
weakness on reports of severe rate cut-  
ting at the West and fears of further  
large gold exports late in the week.

St. Paul declined 1/4; Rock Island, 1/4;  
Northwest, 1; Burlington and Quincy, 1.  
The last named was also affected by  
rumors about a probable reduction in  
the dividend rate to 4 per cent. At the  
close the market was rather weak in  
tone, with prices anywhere from 1/4 to  
1 1/4 per cent. below yesterday's finals.  
The industrials were relatively firmer  
than the railways in the final trading.  
The sales were 188,000 shares, of which  
40,000 were American Sugar. Railway  
and miscellaneous bonds were dull and  
firm. Sales: Listed stocks, 112,000; un-  
listed, 56,000; shares. Treasury balances:  
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bills at 48 1/2 @ 48 7/8 for sixty days,  
and 48 1/4 @ 48 1/2 for demand; posted  
rates, 48 1/4 @ 49. Commercial bills,  
48 1/4 @ 49. Government bonds 48 1/4 @  
48 1/2. State bonds firm. Railroad bonds  
steady. Silver at the board was neg-  
lected. Norfolk and Western closed at  
20 1/4.

### Produce and Merchandise.

New York, May 9.—Flour moderately  
active, easier; winter wheat, low grades,  
1.90 @ 2.50; patents, 3.10 @ 3.30; Minne-  
sota clear, 2.25 @ 2.75; patents, 3.25 @  
4.15; low extras, 1.90 @ 2.50. Southern  
four quiet, easy; common to fair, extra,  
2.00 @ 3.00; good to choice do, 3.00 @ 3.50.  
Wheat dull, firmer with options; No. 2  
red, store and elevator, 59 1/4 @ 59 1/2,  
59 1/2 @ 61 1/4; options fairly active, ir-  
regular, firmer; trading fair, switching  
prices 1/4 @ 1 1/4 up; No. 2 red closed, May,  
59 @ 59 1/4; June, 60 1/4; July, 61 1/4.

Corn dull, firmer; No. 2, 44 elevator,  
45 float; options very dull and closed  
firm, at 1/4 advance; May, 44; June,  
44 1/4; July, 45. Oats quiet, firmer; May,  
39 1/4; June, 38 1/4; July, 38 1/4; spot No. 2,  
40 1/4; No. 2 white, 42 1/4; mixed Western,  
41 @ 42 1/4; white, do 42 @ 40. Hay steady,  
fair demand, shipping, 60 @ 65; good to  
choice, 60 @ 60. Wool firm, fair demand;  
domestic fleece, 20 @ 25; pulled, 16 @ 25.  
Beef dull, steady; family, 12 @ 15; extra  
mess, 8.00 @ 8.50; beef hams dull, 18;  
tender beef, inactive; city extra, India  
mess, 19 @ 21. Cut meats quiet, steady;  
pickled bellies, 7 bid; shoulders, 6 @ 6 1/4;  
hams, 16; middles nominal.

Molasses, foreign nominal; New Or-  
leans, open kettle, good to choice, 30 @  
38, dull, steady. Peanuts quiet. Coffee  
quiet; options barely steady, unchanged  
to 15 down; May, 15.35; July, 15.15 @  
15.20; September, 14.55 @ 14.65; spot Rio  
firm, quiet; No. 7, 16 1/2. Sugar, raw  
fairly active, firm; fair refining, 27-16;  
refined fairly active, firm; standard A,  
4 @ 4 1-16; cut loaf, 4 1/2 @ 4 15-16; crushed,  
4 1/2 @ 4 15-16; granulated, 4 @ 4 1-16.  
Freights to Liverpool market dull,  
weaker; cotton, 3-32d pence; grain, 1  
pence nominal.

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